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According to Zeng, the three individuals wore Chinese clothes.

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Seven empty 7.65 cases were found on the room where the crime took place. One on the bed, beside the woman's head, one on the desk and five on the floor. The examination by the S.S.P. Arms identification specialist, shows that one of the pistols used to shoot Cheng Fang-shak and his wife has previously been used in the committal of 14 political crimes during the period from 1928 to 1934, as listed below :-

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Motives of the Crime

Cheng Tsong-shek (陳子衡) alias Cheng Yih-sing (陳一兵) alias Cheng Tsh-seng (陳德生) was 28 years of age, and a native of Nanchang. A former student of the Tsong Iwa Secondary School, in Nanchow, he affiliated into the "Young China Communist League" in 1925. In 1926 he was sent by the Chinese Communist Party to Moscow, where he studied at the Sun Yat-sen University. It was during this stay in the capital of the U.R.S.S. that he married Liu Lie, who was also a communist. This marriage resulted in the birth of a daughter. On his return to China in 1930 Cheng changed his name to Cheng Tsong-shek. He held the post of Secretary of the Committee for the Kiangsu Provincial Branch of the Chinese Communist Propaganda Bureau. He was also an active member of the C.C.P. and of the "Chinese Radical Writers League" (an auxiliary branch of the C.C.P.). Later he broke off from the C.C.P. Of late he has contributed articles to several review and papers in Shanghai, viz. "Central China Daily News", Dr. Wang Ching Wei's organ called the Monthly Lao Kung Yuh Poo Review (勞工月報), Shanghai Mei-lao (上海美報), Oriental Review (東方雜誌), etc.

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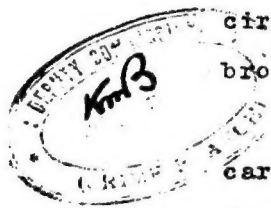
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Réfer : assassinats politiques. activités du G.P.U. Chinois.

### Circonstances dans lesquelles le crime a été commis -

Le 8 Juin vers 8 h.30, la Police Française était prévenue qu'un crime venait d'être commis au N°64, cité Zou-Foh-Li, Liu-Ka-Long, Route Say-Zoong.

Arrivée sur les lieux, elle trouva dans la chambre située au même étage, un homme et une femme, tués à coups de pistolet. La femme était étendue sur le dos en travers du lit. L'homme était assis en face de son bureau, la tête renversée sur le dossier de la chaise.

L'homme avait été tué par deux balles. La femme portait les traces de quatre blessures.

L'enquête à laquelle il fut aussitôt procédé, a permis de rétablir comme suit les circonstances dans lesquelles fut perpétré ce crime :

Vers 7 h.40, trois individus dont deux portaient des paniers de fruits, pénétraient dans la maison N°64. Le troisième restait à l'extérieur. Pénétrant brusquement dans la chambre, chacun des meurtriers choisit sa victime. L'homme qui lisait un journal devant son bureau, reçut d'abord une balle derrière la tête et s'étant affaissé sur le bureau, il reçut, lorsqu'il se releva, à bout portant, une balle qui l'atteignit au front. La femme blessée d'un premier coup de feu, chercha à fuir mais fut abattue de quatre nouveaux coups de feu.

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Leur crime accompli, les meurtriers sortirent de la maison et s'éloignèrent.

L'entrée et la sortie de ces individus fut aperçue par le nommé LING VING FOU (陳文甫), âgé de 63 ans, balayeur de la cité. Cependant, ne voyant rien de suspect, il les laissa tranquillement sortir. Attiré peu après par les cris d'une fillette qui pleurait près de la porte du N°64, LING-VING-FOU entra dans la maison. C'est là qu'il vit au deuxième étage le cadavre d'une femme étendue sur le lit et celui d'un homme encore assis sur une chaise. Il s'pressa immédiatement de prévenir la police.

D'après ZENG, les trois individus étaient habillés à la chinoise. Le premier portait un pantalon et une veste courte noire. Il était d'une taille au dessus de la moyenne, des cheveux noirs et paraissait âgé de 25 à 26 ans.

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L'enquête a révélé que les victimes du crime se nomment : l'homme CHENG-FANG-SHEK (陳芳若) alias CHENG-YIH-MING (陳一民) alias CHENG-TSH-SHEN (陳德生), journaliste, et la femme LIU-KIE (劉傑).

Examen des pièces à conviction -

Sept douilles de cartouches calibre 7,65 furent trouvées dans la chambre du crime : l'une sur le lit, à droite de la tête de la femme, une autre sur le bureau et cinq sur le plancher.

L'expertise, faite par la Police Internationale, établit que l'un des pistolets utilisés pour l'assassinat de CHING-FANG-SHOK et de sa femme avait déjà servi à commettre 14 crimes politiques entre 1928 et 1934. En voici la liste :

- 1/ Attentat organisé le 4 Septembre 1928, contre le nommé JANG-TSOU-KUIN (王紹君), ex-communiste, cité Zieng-Foh-Li, Avenue Road.
- 2/ Assassinat, le 26 Octobre 1928, d'un Chinois inconnu, dans un terrain vague, derrière le N°171, Yu Yuen road.
- 3/ Assassinat, le 18 Mai 1929, du nommé TSOU-WEI-SHUI (周尉平) agent informateur du Poste de Commandement de la Gendarmerie de Woosung-Shanghai, près de la cité Wei-Tah-Li, Burkill road.
- 4/ Assassinat, le 25 Mai 1929, du nommé CHENG-AN-FOH (陳阿福), agent informateur du Poste de Commandement de la Gendarmerie de Woosung-Shanghai, au 906, Pingliang road.
- 5/ Assassinat, le 17 Juin 1929, du nommé JANG-YI-VANG (王彦文), étudiant, dans la cité Nien-Ching-Li, Gordon road.
- 6/ Assassinat, le 1er Novembre 1929, du nommé TSANG-ZENG-HENG (張成恩), agent informateur du Bureau de la Sécurité Publique et d'une femme TSU-CHIE-SEI (朱倪氏), au N°523, Medhurst road.
- 7/ Assassinat, le 11 Novembre 1929, du nommé PEI-SHING (白鑫), ancien membre du Parti Communiste Chinois, passé en 1928 du côté du Kiamintang et de quatre personnes de son entourage, cité Ou-Ho-Fang, Avenue Jeffre.
- 8/ Attentat organisé le 22 Janvier 1930 contre le nommé CHANG-TSOU-YIH (張定益), 1007, Carter road.

- 9/ Assassinat, le 14 Avril 1930, d'un Chinois inconnu dans la cité Yong-Ching-Li, Avenue road.
- 10/ Assassinat, le 19 Novembre 1932, du nommé T. KU-TSE-YSU (周子猷), au N°1046, Ze-Veng-Li, Tuting road.
- 11/ Assassinat, le 25 Novembre 1932, d'un agent secret du Bureau de la Sécurité Publique, WANG-ZSU-HSI (王壽喜) et attentat contre trois hommes et une femme, au N°1040, Ze-Veng-Li, Tuting road.
- 12/ Assassinat, le 4 Mai 1933, du nommé OU-KUIN-YONG, dans l'Avenue Haig. Cette personne prise pour WANG-YONG-HWA, ex-délégué spécial du Comité Central du Parti Kuomintang, fut tuée par erreur.
- 13/ Assassinat, le 14 Juin 1933, de MA-SHAO-WU, ex-délégué spécial du Comité Central du Parti Kuomintang.
- 14/ Assassinat, le 25 Août 1933, du nommé WANG-YONG-HWA, agent du même service que MA-SHAO-WU, à l'Hôtel "Sun-Sun".

Motives du crime -

M. CHENG-FANG-SHEK (陳芳若) alias CHENG-YIN-MING (陳一民) alias CHENG-TSI-SUNG (陳濟生) était âgé de 28 ans. Il était natif du Hupoh. Ancien élève de l'Ecole Secondaire "Tsung-Hwa" à Wushow, il se serait affilié à la "Ligue des Jeunes Communistes Chinois" en 1925. En 1926, il aurait été envoyé par le Parti Communiste Chinois à Moscou où il aurait étudié à l'Université Sun-Yat-Sen. C'est au cours de son séjour dans la capitale de l'URSS qu'il se maria avec LIU-KIE, qui serait également communiste. De cette union, naquit une fille. Après son retour en Chine en 1930, CHENG changea de nom et se fit appeler CHENG-FANG-SHEK. Il aurait occupé le poste de secrétaire du Bureau de Propagande du Comité Provincial du Kiangsu du Parti Communiste Chinois. Il aurait été également membre actif du BOPI et de la "Ligue des Ecrivains Radicaux Chinois" (organisation auxiliaire du Parti Communiste Chinois). Il se serait

séparé ensuite du Parti Communiste Chinois. Ces derniers temps, il collaborait à plusieurs revues et journaux de Shanghai : "Central China Daily News" (中華日報), organe de Mr. WANG-CHING LI, "Revue Mensuelle Lao-Kiang-Yuh-Pao" (勞工月報), "Shanghai Mei Pao" (上海美報), "Oriental Review" (東方新報), etc....

CHENG-FENG-WEK était venu habiter au N°64, cité Zeu-Foh-Li, Route Say-Zoeng, vers la fin d'Avril 1934. Ses adresses antérieures étaient :

- 1/ En Janvier 1934 - N°9, cité Sai-Hu-Li, Ferry road, maison du nommé LI-KHEI-YING, âgé de 50 ans, médecin.
- 2/ En Février et Mars 1934 - une chambre située au dessus de l'Ecole "Le-Sie", cité Zeu-Foh-Li, Route Say-Zoeng.

CHENG-FENG-WEK menait une vie très modeste. Il ne sortait que rarement et ne recevait personne chez lui. Il n'autorisait même pas que les enfants du voisinage jouassent avec sa fillette.

Parmi les rares connaissances de CHENG, se trouvait le nommé WANG-DAO-HAN (王道韓), âgé de 34 ans, natif du Kiangsi, ancien sous-préfet de la province du Kiangsi, actuellement sans situation. M. WANG avait fait ses études dans le même collège "Tseng-Wu" que CHENG. Les deux camarades se séparèrent en 1923. Ce n'est qu'au début du mois de Mai 1934 qu'ils se seraient rencontrés par hasard dans l'Avenue Joffre. Sur l'invitation de CHENG, ils allèrent dîner dans un restaurant chinois à l'enseigne "Zu-Fong-Yu", Tchekiang road. En se séparant, CHENG ne donna pas son adresse à WANG. Le 8 Juin 1934, WANG, pour remercier CHENG, du repas qu'il lui avait offert, lui envoya sa carte de visite au journal "Tseng-Hwa", 303, Homan road, pour l'inviter à un dîner. A ce dîner qui eut lieu le 6 Juin, assistaient, en dehors de CHENG, quelques amis de WANG qu'il avait invités pour leur demander de lui trouver une situation. Aucun des invités n'avait connu CHENG auparavant.

Etant donné les résultats de l'expertise faite sur les projectiles saisis sur les lieux du crime, il y a tout lieu de croire que l'assassinat de CHEN et de sa femme est l'oeuvre d'agents du Parti Communiste Chinois./.

A E H E X EListe des brochures et revues communistes saisies par la Police Française au domicile de CHENG-PANG-SHAK

1. Un exemplaire d'une brochure intitulée "La vie rurale en URSS".
2. Deux exemplaires d'une revue intitulée "Arc en ciel".
3. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "L'armée isolée".
4. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Le 12ème congrès du Comité Exécutif du Komintern".
5. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Nouvelle Chine".
6. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "La civilisation en URSS et la civilisation orientale".
7. Deux exemplaires d'une revue intitulée "Philosophie Marxiste".
8. Cinq exemplaires d'une brochure intitulée "Critiques sur l'URSS".
9. Cinq exemplaires d'une revue intitulée "Instruction Militaire".
10. Deux exemplaires d'une brochure intitulée "La situation mondiale actuelle des ouvriers".
11. Un exemplaire de la revue intitulée "Le contrôle des usines".
12. Un exemplaire d'une brochure intitulée "Le Léninisme".
13. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "La mission fondamentale de la Ligue des Jeunes Communistes Chinoises".
14. Un exemplaire de la revue intitulée "Principes internationaux".
15. Un exemplaire d'une brochure intitulée "Le développement de l'organisation".
16. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Femmes nouvelles".
17. Un exemplaire de la revue bi-mensuelle intitulée "La reconstruction".
18. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "La révolution chinoise et les traîtres".
19. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Comment nous devons célébrer l'anniversaire de la mort de LENINE, de Karl LIEBKNECHT et de Rosa LUXEMBOURG".
20. Un exemplaire de la revue intitulée "Comment s'espérer des rues".



21. Un exemplaire de la revue intitulée "La reconstruction".
22. Un exemplaire de la revue intitulée "Théories sur l'organisation".
23. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Thème universaire de la révolution d'Octobre".
24. Un exemplaire de la revue intitulée "Littérature populaire".
25. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "L'épuration du parti".
26. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Les vices des femmes chinoises".
27. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Qu'est-ce que le syndicat Rouge International".
28. Un exemplaire de la revue "L'Asie Nouvelle".
29. Un exemplaire de la revue "Les idées modernes".
30. Un exemplaire d'une revue "Research Monthly".
31. Un exemplaire d'une revue "L'histoire sociale secrète de la Chine".
32. Un exemplaire de la revue "Economie et Politique".
33. Un exemplaire d'une revue "La diplomatie et la révolution en Chine durant 20 ans".
34. Dix-sept exemplaires d'une revue "International Daily Article".
35. Un exemplaire d'une revue "Le premier plan quinquennal".
36. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Déluge".
37. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Nouvel Orient".
38. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Plan quinquennal de l'URSS".
39. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Le développement du Marxisme".
40. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "Etude sur l'économie rurale chinoise".
41. Un exemplaire d'une revue "La Ligue des masses ouvrières et paysannes".

42. Un exemplaire d'une revue intitulée "La politique mondiale après la guerre".
43. Deux livres en langue russe (alphabet politique; La question nationale de l'Europe d'après guerre).
44. Un dictionnaire russo-japonais.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRY.

Arms Identification Section,

Report No. 2559.

Date 12-6-34.

Occurrence	Murder of Zeng Fang Za and Liou Kie at 64 Cite Zeu Foh Li, Liou Ka Long, Route Say-Zoong, French Concession, 3 a.m. 8-6-34. (F.C.122)	Crime Registry Number.
Subject	7 Cartridge Cases .32 Auto, (Found at scene) 2 Bullets .32 Auto.	Serial Numbers C914
Date obtained by Police	11-6-34.	Date received for Examination 11-6-34.
Initial Examination Remarks	The cases were fired by two pistols in the proportion of five and two. The bullets were fired by two pistols.	
Previous Records	The pistol which fired two of the above cases has the following previous records:- 1. Murder and Attempted Murder, 1040, S Vung Li, Tatung Road, 3 p.m. 25-11-32. (Sinza 1822/32) 2. Murder of Ou Kia Ying, Avenue Haig, French Concession, 4-5-33. (F.C.89) 3. Murder of Ma Shao Wu, Siau Hwo Yoen Alleyway, Chekiang Road, 7-27 p.m. 14-6-33. (Louza 1640/33) The other pistol has no previous records.	
Further Remarks	The group record of the above pistol shows the following additional records:- 1. Attempted Murder, Alleyway off Avenue Road, 4-9-28 (S) 2. Murder of a Chinese, off Yu Yuen Road, 26-10-28 (B.W.) 3. Murder of Tseu Wei Nyi, Burkill Road, 18-5-29 (S) 4. Murder of Zung Ah Foh, 906 Pingliang Road, 25-5-29 (Y) 5. Murder & Att. Murder, Lien Ching Li, Gordon Rd. 17-6-29 (B.W.) 6. Double Murder, 523 Medhurst Road, 1-11-29 (G.R.) 7. Political Murders, Cite Ou Ah Fang, Av. Joffre, 12-11-29 (FC.31) 8. Attempted Murder, 1007 Carter Road, 22-1-30 (B.W.) 9. Murder, Yoong Ching Li, Avenue Road, 14-4-30 (S) 10. Murder of Tseu Ts Yue, S Vung Li, Tatung Rd. 19-11-32 (S) 11. Murder of Wong Yoong Hwa, Sun Sun Hotel. 25-8-33 (L)  2 Cases and 2 Bullets filed, remainder returned.	

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL  
P. R. REGI.  
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EXTRACT FROM FRENCH POLICE REPORT DATED JUNE 11, 1934.

Information on Cheng Fang Sha assassinated by the Chinese G.P.U.

We are informed that CHENG TEH SENG (陳德森) alias CHENG FANG SHA (陳芳若) was a native of Hupeh.

Cheng was a former student of the "Wuhan" secondary school at Wuchow. In 1925 he joined the Chinese Communist Youth League, and in 1926 he was sent by the party to Moscow, where he studied at the Sun Yat Sen University. During the course of his stay in the capital of the U.S.S.R., he married Liu Kie (劉傑), also a communist. From this union a little girl was born. After his return to China in 1930, he changed his name and was known as Cheng Fang Sha.

At one time, Cheng was the Secretary of the Propaganda Department of the Kiangsu Provincial Committee. He was also an active member of the MOPR and of the Chinese Radical Writers' League (an auxiliary organisation of the Chinese Communist Party).

This information, which emanates from a secret source, is given under the usual reserve.

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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH POLICE REPORT DATED 9.6.1934.

Assassination of CHENG FANG SHA, Chinese journalist.

On June 8, 1934 Cheng Fang Sha (陳芳若), journalist, aged 28, and Lu Kie (劉傑), aged 32, his wife were assassinated at No. 64 Cheng Tseng Li (承聖里), Route Say Soong.

The assassins, who were three in number, entered the alleyway at about 8.30 a.m. Two of them carrying baskets of fruit in their hands, entered the room whilst the third watched outside.

Cheng was killed by two bullets, whilst the woman bore marks of having been hit five times.

The assassins, having accomplished their crime, made good their escape before the Police were informed by the tenants of the house.

Cheng studied at the Sun Yat Sen University in Moscow and spoke fluent Russian. He was formerly a member of the Chinese Communist Party but had severed his connections. He was a contributor to several reviews and Chinese newspapers in Shanghai, such as the Central China Daily News, the organ of Waung Ching Wei, Lo Kong Yue Monthly Review, Shanghai Van Pao, Oriental Review, etc.

During the course of enquiries it has been established that one of the pistols used by the assassins was the same that was employed in the murder on May 4, 1933 of Mr. Pu Kuei Yogn on Avenue Haig. This person, mistaken for Wong Yung Hwa, ex-Nanking Political Agent, and former comrade of Ma Shao Wu, was killed in error.

It is also to be recalled that Wong was in turn assassinated at the Sun Sun Hotel on August 25, 1933.

There is thus every reason to believe that the assassination of the Cheng couple is a new act of vengeance of the C.C.P. with regard to the party's traitors.

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Extract from Police Intelligence Report of June 9, 1934.

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EX-COMMUNISTS ASSASSINATED IN FRENCH CONCESSION.

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Chen studied in Sun Yat Sen University in Moscow and was formerly a member of the Chinese Communist Party. He contributed to Chinese newspapers in Shanghai, such as the Central China Daily News, Lo Kong Yue Monthly Review and Oriental Review.

It has been established that one of the pistols used by the assassins was the same as that employed in the murder on Avenue Haig on May 4, 1933 of Mr. Pu Kuei Yong who was mistaken for Hwang Yung Hua, Nanking Political Agent. Hwang, it will be recalled was subsequently assassinated in the Sun Sun Hotel.

There is thus every reason to believe that the assassination is another "traitor extermination" move on the part of the Communist Party.

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## Author And Wife Shot To Death In Bed

Three Gunmen Enter To  
Present Gifts, Fire  
On Sleeping Pair

TRAGEDY SAID ALLIED  
WITH COMMUNISTS

Murdered Man Had Been  
Writer For Various  
Chinese Magazines

Mr. Chen Fan-lo, 28, a Chinese writer, and his wife were riddled with bullets and instantly killed yesterday morning as they lay in their bed on the third floor of a Route de Say Zoong residence. Three men dressed in working clothes, believed to be the slayers, made a clean escape while a watchman and crowds in Shan Fu Alley below knew nothing of the tragedy until Shiao Lien-tze, 5-year-old daughter, ran screaming from her parents' sleeping room.

The crime was daring as it was brutal. The landlord of the place said that about 8.30 a.m. three men, evidently of the working class, came with presents for Mr. and Mrs. Chen and were allowed to go upstairs. Shortly afterwards he heard the shots and as he ran upstairs the three men forced their way out. He found the couple in their bed, shot in eight places. Both were dead.

The alley watchman said that he with others nearby heard the explosions but attributed them to firecrackers. He recalled also that when the three men entered the house he saw five or six others waiting outside the rear door.

Reliable Chinese sources allied the crime with Communist elements. It was said that Mr. Chen was a contributor to a number of Chinese magazines on international and domestic affairs. His recent articles were "The Second Internationale After the Rise of Hitler" and "After Resumption of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R."

French Police are investigating the case.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Political (2)

Communist Propaganda - Prosecution

Acting on the authority of a warrant issued at the instance of the Shanghai Public Safety Bureau, the Municipal Police on June 7, 1934, arrested in the Dah Yoong (大用) Rubber Factory, 1 Onning Road, a communist suspect named Hauh Kyi (霍械).

The accused appeared before court on June 8 when the case against him was remanded until June 13.

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